

REMARKS

In response to the July 14, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant has corrected the claim status identifiers as noted by the examiner. Applicant thanks the Examiner for calling this to her attention.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's detailed consideration of the present application. In response to the September 25, 2003 and July 14, 2004 Office Actions, Claims 1-30 stand canceled, Claims 31-47 stand withdrawn, and new Claims 48-64 have been added for examination. Importantly, new Claim 48 corresponds to an amended version of previously pending Claim 13 which had originally been elected for examination and consideration.

In the September 25, 2003 Office Action, the pending claims stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and/or 103 over Manian et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,130,745 (Manian). As now set forth in new Claims 48-64, a solid state standard is claimed comprising a coated glass having a first layer, preferably TiO_2 , that is baked onto the glass, one or more second layers, preferably of SiO_2 , baked onto the first layer, and a final layer, preferably of TiO_2 , baked once onto the second layer(s). Manian fails to even remotely suggest a solid state standard. Applicants submit that the new claims are very different from the prior art -- including Manian.

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CONCLUSION

2 Applicants submit that the present invention as claimed represents a novel and patentable
3 contribution to the art, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable
4 action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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